GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:666
ANSWERED ON:13.05.2002
DEVELOPMENT OF TEMPLES PILGRIM CENTRES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified certain temples/ pilgrims centres for development of their infrastructural facilities there;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the funds allocated by the Government in this regard and the amount actually utilized, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 666 FOR ANSWER ON 13.5.2002 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TEMPLES/ PILGRIM CENTRES

(a) On the recommendations of the Committee on Pilgrim Tourism constituted by the Department of Tourism, Government of India in the year 1992, 19 pilgrim centres in 12 States along with two circuits in Uttar Pradesh (one ofthese circuits is now in Uttaranchal State) were identified for development of tourist infrastructure facilities.

(b) A list of pilgrim centres identified by the Committee on Pilgrim Tourism is given at Annexure I.

(c) The Department of Tourism, Government of India sanctioned an amount ofRs.1683.88 lakhs during the last four years i.e. from the year 1998-99 to 2001-02 and released Rs. 746.37 lakhs to various State Governments fordevelopment of tourist infrastructural facilities at various pilgrim centres in the country. The details of the amount sanctioned and released State-wise are given in the Annexure II.

ANNEXURE TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 666 FOR ANSWER ON 13.5.2002 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TEMPLES/PILGRIM CENTRES

ANNEXURE I

COMMITTEE ON PILGRIM TOURISM IDENTIFIED THE FOLLOWING PILGRIM CENTRES.

Sl. No.	State	Centre
1.	Assam	Kamakhya
2.	Bihar	Bodhgaya and Patna
3.	Gujarat	Dwarka, Palitana and Odwada (Near Vapi)
4.	Himachal Pradesh	Paonta Saheb and Jwalaji
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	Mata Vaishno Devi
6.	Kerala	Guruvayur

7 Karnataka Gulbarga and Sringeri

8. Madhya Pradesh Ujjain

9. Maharashtra Shirdi, Nanded Jyotiba
(in Kolhapur District)
10. Orissa Jagannath Puri
11. Rajasthan Ajmer Shareef
12. Tamil Nadu Rameswaram

TWO CIRCUITS IDENTIFIED:

1. Barsana-Nandgaon-Brindavan- Gowardhan in the State of Uttar Pradesh

2. Badrinath-Kedarnath-Gangotri-Yamunotri nowin the State of Uttaranchal

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ANNEXURE II

LIST OF PROJECT SANCTIONED AT VARIOUS PILGRIM TOURISM CENTRES FROM 1998 - 99 TO 2001-2002

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl.No	State	Name of the Project	Year of Sanction	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1.	Assam	1. Pilgrim Centre Kamakhaya, Guwahati	1998-1999	25.75	08.00
		2. Development of Surya Pahar Pilgrim Centre at Goalpara, Assam	1999-2000	30.00	09.00
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1. Establishment at basic amenities for pilgrim at Zemsthang, Tawang	1998-99	69.66	19.90
3.	Bihar	1. Integrated develop- ment of Tourist Centre- Landscaping and redeve- lopment of Kundkshetra Rajgir (Distt. Nalanda)	1998-99	50.00	25.00
		2. Illumination of Mahabodhi Temple premises Bodhgaya	1998-99	24.00	12.00
		3. Development of Rajgir Hot Spring as Health Resort	1998-99	13.92	4.18
		4. Entrance gate/Notic Board, etc, at Bodhgaya sites at Nalanda, Vaishali, Patna and Rajgir	1998-99	13.32	4.00
		5. Tourist information centre at Bodhgaya.	1999-2000	15.00	4.50

	6. Renovation of Baidyananth Vihar , Deogarh	1999-2000	20.00	6.00
	7. Wayside facilities at Patna by pass Patna sahib	2000-2001	19.55	5.86
4. Daman & Diu	1. Illumination of St. Paul Church	1998-99	100.00	50.00
5. Goa	1. Development of Infrastructure at World Heritage Churches & Monuments old Goa	1998-99	25.57	08.00
	2. High Mast Illumination at Church compound Assolina	1999-2000	10.32	00.04
6. Gujarat	1. SEL Show at Somnath Temple	1998-1999	93.77	05.14
	2. Dwarka Development Plan Phase-I	1998-1999	47.80	23.90
	3. Development of Dwarka Phase -II	1999-2000	41.11	12.30
7. Haryana	1. Integrated develop-ment of Kurukshetra as Pilgrim Centre	1998-99	48.00	24.00
8. Jammu & Kashmir	1. Renovation of Tourist Reception Centre at Katra	1999-2000	10.00	3.00
	2. Beautification of Pilgrim spot at purnamandal, Jammu	2000-2001	23.37	7.00
9. Karnataka	1. TRC at Gulbarga	1999-2000	22.40	06.72
10. Kerala	1. Construction of Pilgrim facilitation centre at Sabarimala	1998-99	104.89	31.45
	2. SEL show at Kanakkunu palace	1998-99	53.50	4.00
11. Madhya Pradesh	1.SEL show at Khajuraho	1998-99	100.00	50.00
12. Nagaland	1. Development of Tourist Pilgrim Centre at Vankhosung	1999-2000	25.47	07.64
13. Orissa	1. Addl. Accommodation at existing Yatri Niwas at Konark (Orissa) (Phase-II)	1999-2000	48.00	14.40
14. Punjab	1. Tourist Reception Centre at Anandpur Sahib	1998-1999	97.64	78.00
	2. Illumination of Gurudwara, Keshgarh Sahib	1998-1999	55.00	55.00
	3. Illumination of Gurudwara, Kila Anandgarh Sahib	1998-1999	14.00	14.00
	4. Illumination of Gurudwara, Teg Bahadur Sahib	1998-1999	5.00	5.00
	5. Illumination of Gurudwara Mai Jito Ji	1998-1999	5.00	5.00
	6. SEL Show at Anandpur Sahib	1998-1999	61.65	61.65

15. Rajasthan	1. Integrated Development of Vishram Sthali at Pushkar Road, Ajmer	1998-1999	40.70	23.35
	2. Development of steps at Taragarh, Ajmer	1999-2000	09.33	02.70
	3. Pilgrim centre at Digamber Jain Padam Pura	2001-2002	20.70	11.66
	4. Pilgrim Centre at Salasar Dham distt. Churu.	2001-2002	12.79	7.50
16. Tamil Nadu	1. Refurbishment of Thanjavur Palace	1999-2000	15.00	05.00
	2. Yatri Niwas at Madurai	1999-2000	38.10	00.10
17. Uttar Pradesh	1. Construction of Yatri Niwas at Kushinagar	1998-1999	39.93	12.00
	2. Refurbishment of monument at Kushinagar	1998-1999	12.00	3.60
	3. Upgradation of existing Tourist Bungalow at Varanasi	1998-1999	12.73	3.60
	4. Flood lighting at Bateshwar Temple Agra	1998-1999	5.00	2.50
	5. SEL Show at Fatehpur Sikri	1998-1999	40.00	20.00
	6. Tourist Complex at Varanasi	1999-2000	40.00	12.00
	7. Yatri Niwas at Vrindavan (Mathura)	1999-2000	40.00	12.00
	8. Yatri Niwas and site development & land scaping surrounding area of Yatri Niwas at Shravasti	1999-2000	25.00	07.50
	9. Integrated Develop- ment of Tourist Centres and place of pilgrimage, Varindavan	1999-2000	45.00	05.18
	10. Construction and repairs of internal road and drains of Chitrakoot	1999-2000	14.00	00.01
18. Uttaranchal	1. Construction of Yoga and Aryuvedic Centre, Haridwar	1998-1999	28.73	8.60
	2. Construction of 20 bedded Tourist Huts at Gangotri	1998-1999	12.53	4.00
	3. Upgradation cum- expansion of existing Tourist Bungalow at Haridwar	1998-1999	42.30	12.69
	4. Construction of 20 bedded FRP Huts at Yamunotri	1999-2000	20.00	06.00
	TOTAL AMOUNT		1683.88	746.37

Total Number of Projects Sanctioned from 1998-99 To 2001-2002 51

Total Amount Sanctioned from 1998-99 to 2001-02 Rs. 1683.88Lakhs
Total Amount released from 1998-99 to 2001-02 Rs. 746.37Lakhs